

REMARKS

The allowance of claims 1-13 is noted, with thanks. The Specification has been amended to employ more idiomatic English, and claims 17-27 have been added to further scope the invention. Claims 14-16 have been amended to conform with U.S. claiming practice. No new matter has been added by the aforementioned changes.

Turning to the art rejections, the rejection of claims 14-16 under 35 USC §102(b) as anticipated by Miller (US Patent No. 6,308,265) is in error. Independents claim 14 and 16 require storing different data in flag regions located in memory blocks. Miller does not teach this step. Miller teaches comparing data in the first and second regions, i.e., the boot block code in the first region equal to the boot block code in the second region (column 6, lines 27-32). Only if the two boot block codes are equal is the process continued. Miller's process does not contain a step of storing different data in a designation flag region of each of the two memory blocks, as required by claims 14 and 16. Thus, Miller cannot achieve nor render obvious claims 14-16.

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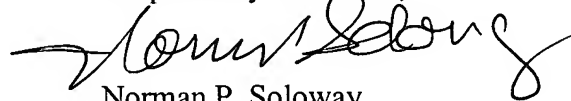
Having dealt with all the objections raised by the Examiner, the Application is believed to be in order for allowance. Early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

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